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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - PUBLIC STATEMENT

REF: STATE 133295

1. WE REVIEWED STATUS OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY PUBLIC
STATEMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF NATO
AFFAIRS, ERIC BAL, AFTER THE MAY 25 AFTERNOON
SPC SESSION REPORTED USNATO 5367.

2. BAL REITERATED AND EXPANDED SOMEWHAT ON GOB
POSITION REPORTED BRUSSELS 10080. AMONG POINTS HE
MADE WERE FOLLOWING:

-- GOB CONTINUES TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC DOCUMENT
AND WANTS TO HELP.

-- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE
EXACT PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC DOCUMENT.

-- THE DRAFT PUBLIC DOCUMENT SHOULD BE EXAMINED
AGAINST THOSE PURPOSES.

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-- IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO INDICATE OR IMPLY CHIEF
OF STATE LEVEL COMMITMENT TO THE EAST-WEST STUDY
ANALYSIS.

-- IT IS FURTHER IMPORTANT NOT TO GIVE THE SOVIETS ANY
INDICATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATO COUNTRIES OVER

THE EAST-WEST STUDY ANALYSIS OF SOVIET ATTITUDES
(PARA 6 OF U.S. DRAFT). IN THE GOB VIEW, SOVIET
ATTITUDES ARE NOT A POLITICAL COMMITTEE LEVEL ISSUE.

-- TO ENUMERATE THE CHAPTERS OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY
IN THE PUBLIC DOCUMENT IS APT TO PROMPT PUBLIC QUESTIONS
TO WHICH REPLIES CANNOT BE GIVEN.

-- THE GOB ALSO HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL SPECIFIC POINTS
IN THE U.S. DRAFT IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MODIFIED. THESE
TECHNICAL ISSUES OF WORDING WERE NOT GIVEN TO US,
BUT WILL BE RAISED BY THE BELGIAN PERMREP AT NATO
SHOULD DISCUSSION OF THE U.S. DRAFT PUBLIC DOCUMENT
REACH THE WORD-SMITHING STAGE. CHAMBERS

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